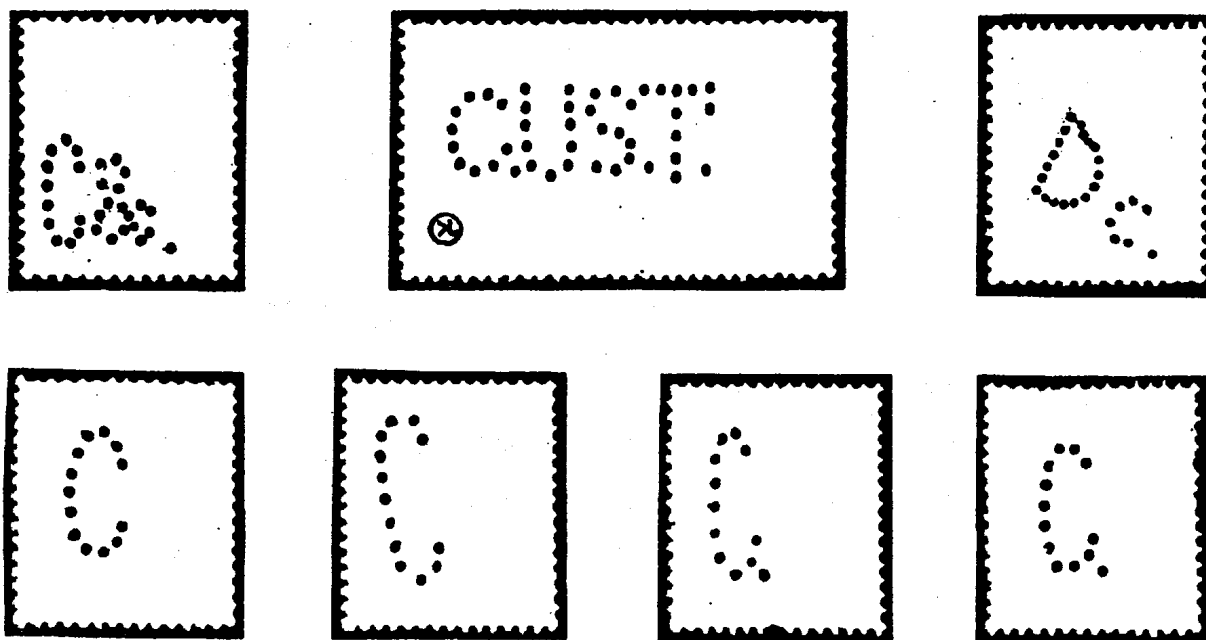


The following illustrations show seven G.B. Postage Stamps which have been sent to me by an American perfin collector (with whom I've corresponded for quite some years), on the grounds that he thought them 'suspicious'. After looking closely myself at the actual material, I too have come to the conclusion that they are all fakes.

Whilst the bulk occur on various values of Queen Elizabeth II Wildings, the "C&." pattern occurs on a King Edward VII ½d, and the "C.US.T." is on a King George V Silver Jubilee 2½d. This stamp also has the monogram JK in circle stamped on the back of the stamp. Does this mark ring a bell with anyone?



Other counterfeit perfins on stamps from a variety of countries have been reported in Perfin Society Bulletins No.264 (June 1993) and No. 291 (Dec 1997). On these occasions the source was narrowed down to Poland and Rumania respectively, but in this case, the source is simply "Eastern Europe".

Please note that this information is being shown here not to give free publicity to the forger(s) but to warn collectors and dealers alike to be on their guard and look out for fakes on G.B. stamps. If any member finds more of these I would be more than pleased to hear from them.